combinations. In general, this is a significant amount of information for a user to remember in order to input characters to the electronic device and creates a significant learning barrier, especially as most users are used to actuating a single key to input a character. Hence, unlike the present invention, the chordic is a less natural means of inputting characters.

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Please amend page 12, lines 13-20 as follows:

Another embodiment allowing for an increased display area is shown in figure 2b. In the embodiment of figure 2b, the physical input keys **212a** and **212b** have been replaced with LCD displays and pressure sensors. By providing LCD displays with pressure sensors for the input keys **212a** and **212b**, visual feedback for the selected row is displayed directly on keys **212a** and **212b**. When control keys **210a** and **210b** are actuated to select the current row of keys, the LCD display of keys **212a** and **212b** change to display the characters of the currently selected row directly on the keys **212a, 212b**. This allows for the area of display **204** previously utilized for displaying the selected row to be used exclusively for display of output information.

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Please amend beginning on page 13, line 9 as follows:

While described as implemented on a personal digital assistant, the present invention may also be advantageously utilized on small appliances, lab instruments, inventory control hand-held computers, tablet computers, e-mail only devices, etc. As shown in figures 3a and 3b, the keyboard is utilized as an I/O device for a wrist watch electronic device. Watch **300** has display **302** and wristband **304.** A flexible assembly **308** is provided with a row of character keys **306** and control keys **312** on the top surface thereof and is in a pivotal relationship to display **302** as illustrated in figure 3a. When not in use, flex assembly **308** is placed such that it extends along and underneath wristband **304.** When the I/O device is to be used for input, flex assembly **308** is

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